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P R O C E E D I N G S

The Board Meeting of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission convened at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 1971, at the Wild Life and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr. J. G. Jones, Chairman, presiding.

THERE WERE PRESENT:

MR. J. G. JONES, Chairman  
 MR. H. C. WRIGHT, Vice-Chairman  
 MR. C. M. HOFFPAUER  
 MR. J. E. KYLE, JR.  
 MR. HOBSON NORRIS  
 MR. J. L. WALKER  
 MR. J. L. WINFREE

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A G E N D A

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting (4)  
 held on December 15, 1970.

RICHARD K. YANCEY:

2. Selection of dates for annual public (5)



hearing on seasons and bag limits.

3. Selection of name for wildlife management area in lower Concordia Parish. (2)

ALLAN ENSMINGER:

4. Request by Humble Pipeline Company for pipeline right of way through Pointe au Chien Wildlife Management Area. (14)

5. Request by Roy M. Huffington, Inc. for pipeline right of way through Pointe au Chien Wildlife Management Area. (12)

LYLE S. ST. AMANT:

6. Request for permit to dredge sand and/or fill material from Mississippi River by L. Murphy Trucking Service, Inc. (17)

7. Discussion of need for action concerning shrimp law. (18)

HARRY SCHAFER:

8. Closure of certain areas of Terrebonne Parish to commercial seining (36)



for fish.

9. Acceptance of Houma Field Station (42)  
constructed by Bennett Lagneaux  
Construction Company.
10. Temporary closure of certain oyster (45)  
area for the introduction of fresh  
water.

JOE HERRING:

11. Lease renewals for Jackson-Bienvenue (52)  
Wildlife Management Area with addi-  
tional land to increase size.

CLARK M. HOFFPAUER:

12. Selection of date for next month's (66)  
B meeting since the usual date would  
conflict with Mardi Gras, February 23.
13. Contract for fur movie. (67)

\*OTHER BUSINESS.

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THE CHAIRMAN: The meeting will now  
come to order.

Item No. 1 on the agenda is approval



\* OTHER BUSINESS (Reporter's note for reference)

MR. ENSMINGER:

Request to use Rollover Bayou as access  
route.

(69)

MR. WALKER:

Discussion re Catahoula Lake Dam

(72)

MR. FLOYD:

Discussion re Catahoula Lake Dam

(76)

MR. HOFFPAUER:

Appropriation for Rollover structure  
at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

(74)

Meetings of personnel.

(79)



of the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 1970.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Mr. Guidry was not present, as noted. He was in Russia.

THE CHAIRMAN: We will note that correction. Are there any other corrections to be made? What is your pleasure?

MR. WINFREE: I move approval of the minutes as corrected.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Winfree. Is there a second?

MR. NORRIS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Norris. Is there any discussion, any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

Mr. Yancey.

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, we would like to recommend that you set the dates for the June public hearing of the Commission, at which time you will hear recommendations from sportsmen, police



juries and other interested people around the state as to the setting of the 1971-72 hunting regulations.

For the past several years this meeting has been held in Alexandria, because that is centrally located in the state and easy to get to for most of the people of Louisiana. We would recommend that you set the June public hearing of the Commission for Friday, the 18th, and Saturday, the 19th, at the Ramada Inn in Alexandria, with your business session to begin about 10:00 a.m. and your public hearing on the recommendations on seasons and bag limits to start at the close of the business session.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Walker.

MR. WALKER: I move that we accept these dates but with the stipulation that all the police juries in the state of Louisiana be notified thirty days prior to this meeting by certified mail.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the



motion. Is there a second?

MR. WRIGHT: I second.

MR. WINFREE: I do think Mr. Bosch ought to be notified, too, so that he can notify the clubs and Sportsmen's League. I am sure he will do that.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I understand it, you send out notices, some notices.

MR. YANCEY: Notices are sent out and we can see that notices are sent out to the police juries, the legislators and other interested state officials, and MacFadden Duffy will see that the necessary news releases are sent out to the newspapers and TV and other forms of news media so that the general public will be made aware of the time and place of that meeting.

MR. WALKER: My point is that these notices would be made by certified mail.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other discussion? Is there any objection.

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.





Before we move to the next item, Mr. Hoffpauer, do you reckon you can get us some decent sound equipment in here?

Yes, go ahead.

MR. WALKER: I think I have served my six-months apprenticeship on this Commission and I would like to have a name plate.

(Laughter)

MR. WINFREE: You know, it's a coincidence. My initials are J. L. W. and the gentleman sitting on my left is J. L. W.

MR. WALKER: Well, I don't want yours.

THE CHAIRMAN: Item No. 3.

MR. YANCEY: In December of 1970 the Commission completed the purchase of 13,000 acres of bottom land hardwoods up in Concordia Parish for the establishment of a new wildlife management area in the state, and we would recommend at this time that you name this area in order that a proclamation may be issued from the Governor's office, establishing this tract as a wildlife management area to be managed for public



hunting and fishing in the years ahead.

There has been a number of suggestions made for the new name for this area and I think it has been generally agreed upon that it would be designated as the Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area because of the fact that you have the Red, the Atchafalaya and Old River coming together at the junction of the southwest corner of that property.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, may I say something?

You recall, Mr. Yancey, that a Nomenclature Committee was appointed by the Chairman, and it was to be chaired by Mr. Walker and you and the Director as the selection committee, and I think you gentlemen are to be commended for the work that you have done, the research that you have conducted, and I think your name of Three Rivers is fine.

Mr. Walker, being the chairman of that particular committee, I am going to ask him to make the motion for the selection of that name.



MR. WALKER: Mr. Chairman, I so move that the game management area will be designated as the Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright. Is there any further discussion?

MR. YANCEY: I would like to say one thing, if I may. We just received the latest figures on land clearing in the Delta regions of the state and they revealed that over a million acres of these bottom land hardwoods have been cleared in Louisiana in the past eight years, and it is quite apparent that we are going eventually have all these bottom land hardwoods areas cleared for agricultural purposes. We think that the purchase of this tract of land along with the other purchases that the Commission has made will at least insure the fact that a few tracts of bottom land hardwoods will be preserved for future use by the sportsmen of this state and will insure the perpetuation of at least some of



our forest game population.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Hearing no objection, the motion is carried.

(Text of the resolution  
is here made part of the  
record.)

WHEREAS, the Commission  
purchased approximately 13,000  
acres of bottom land hardwoods  
in Concordia Parish during  
December, 1970, for purposes  
of establishing a Wildlife Manage-  
ment Area, and

WHEREAS, numerous  
suggestions have been made for the  
naming of this tract, and

WHEREAS, it has been  
determined that this property is  
located at the confluence of Red  
River, Old River, and the Missis-  
sippi River, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,



that this tract shall be named the  
Three Rivers Wildlife Management  
Area.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ensminger.

MR. ENSMINGER: Mr. Chairman and  
gentlemen of the Commission, we have two items  
for your consideration today.

The first is a request from Roy M.  
Huffington of Houston, Texas, to install a 1100-  
foot long pipeline four inches in diameter through  
our Pointe au Chien Wildlife Management Area.  
This pipeline will be part of a gathering complex  
that Humble Oil Company is installing on the area.  
This company has agreed to abide by all the rules  
and regulations as set forth by the Commission.  
I would like to recommend that this company be  
granted the right-of-way and that the Director  
be authorized to sign all documents in prepara-  
tion of this right-of-way.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the  
recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. KYLE: I so move.



THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Kyle.

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright.

Is there any discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so  
ordered.

(Text of the resolution  
is here made part of  
the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana  
Wild Life and Fisheries Commission  
has received a written request from  
Roy M. Huffington, Inc., of Houston,  
Texas to install 1,100 feet of  
3-1/2 inch low pressure oil transfer  
line across a portion of the Pointe  
au Chien Wildlife Management Area,  
and

WHEREAS, this work can  
be accomplished without damages  
to the area, and



WHEREAS, Roy M. Huffington, Inc. agrees to pay the standard right-of-way fee as prescribed by Commission regulation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission for Roy M. Huffington, Inc. to install a 3-1/2 inch pipeline in a push type ditch across a portion of the Pointe au Chien Wildlife Management Area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is hereby authorized to sign all permits and right-of-way documents in regard to this matter.

MR. ENSMINGER: The other item is from Humble Pipeline Company and it is also for a four-inch line in this same area. Here again we would require that Humble agree to abide by



all the rules and regulations of the area. I would like to request that the Director be authorized to sign all documents in regard to this right-of-way.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. WRIGHT: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wright. Is there a second?

MR. NORRIS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Norris. Are there any objections?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution  
is here made part of  
the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild  
Life and Fisheries Commission has





received a written request from Humble Pipe Line Company to install 191.806 rods of four-inch low pressure oil lines across a portion of the Pointe au Chien Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this work can be accomplished without damages to the area, and

WHEREAS, Humble Pipe Line Company agrees to pay the standard right-of-way fee as prescribed by Commission regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission for Humble Pipe Line Company to install a four-inch pipeline in a push type ditch across a portion of the Pointe au Chien Wildlife Management Area,



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT  
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director  
is hereby authorized to sign all  
permits and right-of-way documents  
in regard to this matter.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. St. Amant.

DR. ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman and  
members of the Commission, I would like to take  
up this first item, which has to do with a  
request for a permit by L. Murphy Trucking  
Service, Inc. to dredge for sand and fill mater-  
ial in the Mississippi River at approximately  
88.5 miles Above the Head of the Passes.

This request has been examined and  
meets all the requirements set forth by the  
Commission, and it is in conjunction with an  
existing permit in the area. I would recommend  
that you grant this permit.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the  
recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. KYLE: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Kyle.



MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright.

Is there any discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution  
is here made part of the  
record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the  
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries  
Commission does hereby grant per-  
mission to L. Murphy Trucking  
Service, Inc., Chalmette, Louisiana,  
to dredge sand and/or fill material  
from the Mississippi River at  
approximately 88.5 miles AHP.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. 7.

DR. ST. AMANT: The next item I would  
like to discuss with the Commission is a prob-  
lem that we find ourselves faced with in regard



to the lack of shrimp laws at a time when they are most needed, as the spring shrimp season approaches.

As it has been made common knowledge now, the law and paragraph in our laws dealing with the line separating the inside and outside waters, a sub-paragraph to this, and the other paragraph dealing with closed and open seasons based upon this line have been declared unconstitutional in the district courts and this was upheld in the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Now this leaves us in a position at this time without any system whereby we can enforce a closed season in order to protect the spring shrimp crop.

The soonest that we could do anything in the legislature would be in the May session, which will be too late, or in the event that there is a special session, we still probably would be too late to really protect the shrimp crop. After discussing this with various members of the shrimp industry and the attorneys



for them and our own attorney, we have concluded that there may be a system whereby we can set up a temporary regulation or a regulation which will give us some temporary relief in this matter.

Under the other statutes involving the workings of the Commission, the Commission has the power and the right to close seasons to protect game or fish in the interest of this particular natural resource, and acting under these statutes, we believe that the Commission could close the season for shrimping in an area which we will have to describe.

Now, in order to describe it, we have redesigned or redescribed the line which was declared unconstitutional. This new description follows very closely the description that has been used by the State and which has been accepted by the United States Supreme Court with respect to the coastal base line and the oil problem, so we feel that the line that we now have worked up will be acceptable in the courts.



We believe that the Commission could recognize this line through proper action and that after the line is recognized, the Commission then under separate action could declare those areas inside the line or north of the line to be closed until further notice to all types of shrimping and trawling.

This, of course, then would be reopened at such time in the spring when we determine the shrimp crop is fishable, and it would probably be some time during the month of May after we have developed our information.

This is a proposal that we would like to place before the Commission but before any action is taken, I would suggest that you hear Mr. Duffy, our attorney, and there are some shrimp people in the audience that might want to be heard.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Winfree.

MR. WINFREE: I would like to ask a question of Dr. St. Amant.



This line that you are having reference to, Dr. St. Amant, that has been recognized by the United States Supreme Court, are you talking about the line along the shore, which is --

DR. ST. AMANT: That is correct. It would be the shore base line that is being used by the State.

MR. WINFREE: Where the three miles is measured from that outward?

DR. ST. AMANT: That is correct.

MR. WINFREE: Well, now, point of information. In the past the line which was established by your staff and yourself, which was approved by the Commission, that lay somewhat north of that, didn't it?

DR. ST. AMANT: No, sir. It is essentially the same area. There are some slight discrepancies where it crosses some open water. I don't think this is the point at issue. What we have done really is to use the same system of description, that is, a system of coordinates,



using latitude and longitude and X and Y coordinates along with physical descriptions of the points that may be used to determine where the person is, and while I know it is going to be a complicated description, it should be satisfactory for the courts. It may be more difficult for the fisherman to determine his location, but at least we will be legally sound in this case, and if we go to court, I believe that the line will be upheld.

MR. WINFREE: Thank you.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Lyle, what happened to the buoy project, you remember, over from Point Chicot to Breton Island?

DR. ST. AMANT: We looked in. This is a point that we are trying to avoid getting into. If the courts ever hold that the only way we can enforce a line is through some system of buoys or markers, then we are out of business, because we determined the cost on some of the lights out there. We wanted to put a couple of lights, one on Breton Island and one on Bird





Island, to meet Coast Guard regulations and other types of regulations. The cost on these things was prohibitive. They are like maybe \$8,000.00 or \$10,000.00 for the installation of one of them, and then this doesn't include the maintenance of such things.

You might assume that you can put out a series of cheap buoys across one of these open water areas, but they are just not going to stay, and the cost of buoying and maintenance of any line like this is just out of the question insofar as the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is concerned, both financially, manpower-wise and equipment-wise. We just cannot maintain it and supervise it, so we are going to have to attempt to establish a line by description.

The fishermen will have to abide by it, and where they may question its position in court, they can't kid me; they know where it is and they have always known where the line is. There is no way for us to go out here and draw



a line that is going to be in such a position that you can see where it is at all times, because in bad weather conditions or at night or in fog, you are still going to have this problem of knowing where the line is.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does anyone have any questions of Dr. St. Amant before we hear from someone else? I know some of the shrimpers are in the audience. Would you all have anything you want to say on this subject? If you do, will you come up to the microphone?

MR. SEVIN: Cyrus Sevin, Coastal Parish Shrimpers Association.

I think it is impossible at this time for us to either agree or disagree with what Dr. St. Amant said just now, because we were never notified of anything going on by the Wild Life and Fisheries proposing this. We don't even know what it is about.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me clarify something for you. I don't think the Commission is going to adopt any regulation today. I think what we



are doing is exactly what you are complaining we haven't done. The Commission I think is going to tell our staff to study the matter and to come up with some type of recommendation for us to act upon, either next month or the month after that. I think that's where you fishermen can be of real help to our staff in that connection, because as you can see, we are going to have some kind of regulation. I think you will agree to that.

MR. SEVIN: Oh, yes, we do.

THE CHAIRMAN: And I think the second thing we are going to have to have, if we have a regulation, is cooperation from everybody. I think your people could go a long way in helping us there. The purpose today I think is really to direct our staff in the direction of coming up with some regulation. That is what we are trying to do today.

MR. SEVIN: O.K. Then we will wait until we see what this is all about before we say anything.

THE CHAIRMAN: What I would suggest,



if you have suggestions, if your organization has a suggestion for our Commission to adopt some regulation, that you let Dr. St. Amant know about it --

MR. SEVIN: O.K.

THE CHAIRMAN: -- so that he can consider them, and maybe we will adopt them. I will assure you of something else. When we adopt the regulation, we are going to let you know, and I would suggest that the next meeting you be here. We might adopt one.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Winfree.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Sevin, just a little further clarification. What Dr. St. Amant was telling this Commission was that the line which had been established by this Wild Life and Fisheries Commission relative to the inshore and offshore --

MR. HOFFPAUER: By the legislature.

MR. WINFREE: -- by legislation, has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme



Court of Louisiana.

Now, there is another line that has already been established by the United States Supreme Court in the Tidelands case, and he is proposing that maybe he can follow the description of that line and use that line. Then there is no court in the land that could throw that one out.

What he is seeking is a new means of a line of demarcation and what the Chairman is telling you is that if you and your group work with Dr. St. Amant and even insist on the descriptions that everyone will benefit from the new regulation that we may come up with.

MR. SEVIN: I see. Well, what I want to make clear is this because we don't know anything about it. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Anyone else? Yes, sir. Come to the microphone and state your name, please, sir.

MR. SALINOVICH: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, my name is O. G. Salinovich,



Port Sulphur, Louisiana, from Plaquemines, and I participate quite a bit with the oyster and the seafood industry.

Last Thursday at our Council meeting, the Plaquemines Parish Council has already formed a committee to work with you people immediately, as fast as possible, including a suggestion to go right on and try to have a special session on this.

That's all I have to say on that, but as a fisherman, I might ask Dr. St. Amant to clarify something for me, because the shrimpers are up in arms already and I am catching it. If we follow the shore line idea of the government, would that mean then, could you close to the shore line or you would have to still have that three-mile deal open from the shore line?

DR. ST. AMANT: That would be a matter of whatever the Commission would decide on and what the legislature might decide on later on. If the majority of the shrimp people would prefer that we go back to a position of three miles



offshore or three miles from a described line, then this would come to pass, but we would be back in the same problem.

When you try to determine a point three miles offshore, you are going to end up back in the courts and you are going to have a real difficult time proving just where people are. This is why the line was moved back to the shore in the first place. We had so much trouble trying to make cases three miles offshore and everybody would say, "Oh, I was not three miles, and you prove it."

So we decided to move it back to the shoreline. We figured if a man ran into the beach, at least he would know where he was.

Now, there are about three places on the coast where we have a piece of water that you can't see across. It is not over eight, nine, ten miles at these points, but invariably the shrimpers have used these points to get us in trouble and them in trouble. There is a spot out here around Breton Island and Bird Island,



there is one down here in Caillou Bay where this happens, and there are one or two other areas. There is really no excuse for this, because this represents probably less than one-hundredth of our total coast line, or maybe one-tenth of our total coast line, and they know where these lines are. They were trying to make money when the shrimp were there and were trying to ignore the line and get by with it, and this is going to happen, I suspect, after we draw a new line. At least, if the line is constitutional, we may be able to make it stick.

MR. SALINOVICH: Thank you, gentlemen. That is going to be the question. If it is open along the shore line, as far as three miles out, it still wouldn't be anything to protect the shrimp. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think we can probably sum it up by saying that we are going to be dealing with your money and your means of making a living, and we are going to need your cooperation in trying to come up with some type of regulation.





so if you have some recommendations, give them to Dr. St. Amant and let's see if we can come up with something that you all can live with and we can live with, the right thing.

What is the consensus of the Commission? What do you want to do? Do you want to direct Dr. St. Amant and Mr. Duffy to study the matter and come with a proposed regulation at a future date?

MR. WINFREE: I think it ought to go to Dr. St. Amant, Mr. Chairman. Dr. St. Amant is our man. He's just got to do it.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would suggest that when we do hear the matter, the adoption of the regulations, that we previously notify the organized shrimp groups that we know of and give some publicity in the south Louisiana areas to the fact that we are going to establish a regulation, so we don't have anybody saying that we adopted the regulation and didn't let them know about it.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, we may try and find out from Dr. St. Amant when he thinks



that this study could be completed. As you know, our meeting in February is going to be a week early by virtue of the Mardi Gras holiday. Perhaps he could give us some sort of a timetable so that these gentlemen in the audience who represent the shrimp people would know how soon they would have to get with Dr. St. Amant.

DR. ST. AMANT: Mr. Winfree, if it's a matter of just drawing up the proper resolutions and material for action by the Commission and if it is just a matter of describing or checking the line that we have already worked up -- we have been working on it since the law was declared unconstitutional -- I am sure that Mr. Duffy and I can come up with something before the next meeting, even by mid-February, and I believe it will be adequate.

Now, if the shrimp industry is going to divide up into factions and some want it three miles offshore and some want it at the line and some want to argue about where the description is, well, then we may not get it done in time for the



legislature. This should be brought out. If they want to discuss in this manner, then I feel that they better get with us as soon as possible.

We are going to bring something to you at the next meeting, and with this meeting it is public knowledge, and we will also get out news releases and we will notify by telephone and letter and radio, whatever means we have, all of the various interested groups that we intend to make this regulation. That would give them about three weeks to get themselves together and give us some advice. I think we may have some areas of disagreement, but we have always had that, and we will just have to do the best we can with it.

MR. KYLE: I would like to suggest that you notify all of the associations--

DR. ST. AMANT: Yes, sir.

MR. KYLE: -- that you are making this study and you request them to submit any suggestions they have, any oral suggestions, in writing, so that we are not in the position that they told you to tell us.



DR. ST. AMANT: You are suggesting that any recommendation made by any shrimp group, organized or disorganized, be in writing.

MR. KYLE: Or any individual.

DR. ST. AMANT: All right. And if it is not in writing, we are not bound to accept it. We will consider it but we are not bound to accept it.

MR. KYLE: You will consider it, but the thing is, you are going to get so many and your memory could be poor, and I think it would be better for the Commission and you and the shrimpers if we have those suggestions in writing.

DR. ST. AMANT: O.K.

MR. WALKER: Mr. Chairman, may I ask just one question? Is it desirable to set a cut-off date for this information to be forwarded to Dr. St. Amant?

THE CHAIRMAN: I think if we just leave it in Dr. St. Amant's hands, he will not only handle it well but he will handle it tactfully.

Mr. Schafer.



MR. SCHAFER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, the first thing I have on the agenda is a resolution from Terrebonne Parish to close two areas in that area to commercial fishing. One is a salt water area and one is a fresh water area.

There has been a lot of talk over there about the commercial fishing hurting the sport fishing in this area, and I will show you the two areas. The fresh water area is here (indicating on map) and it is described by bayous on the north and bayous all around it. The second area, the salt water area, is Dernieres Island and Timbalier Island.

They want to close the fresh water area to seines, trammel nets, gill nets and hoop nets. It would be open for trout lines. The salt water area would be closed to the same gear with the exception that nets less than 500 feet would be permitted within the half-mile closure.

Since there hasn't been a biological survey, particularly in the fresh water area, it



is recommended that we close this area for two years in order that a biological and ecological survey can be conducted in order to find the effects of the recent changes in ecology and the effects of the commercial fishing going on in here.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Harry, you said they could fish in there with 500-foot or less nets?

MR. SCHAFER: Yes.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Well, what's to stop a man from going in there with four 500-foot nets and spacing them with a five-foot opening between the nets? If you are going to close it, close it. It doesn't make sense. A 500-foot trammel net or gill net does pretty good work.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, I recall that the Terrebonne Parish Policy Jury sponsored legislation in this last session of the legislature to actually try and close these areas that they are talking about now and it seems like we or someone prevailed upon them to leave it under the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and we



would try to cooperate with them.

I would feel that, in light of this new resolution and what has transpired over there, that we close these areas for a period of two years to all types of fishing and conduct a study, as Mr. Schafer has pointed out, to see what effect it has had on commercial as against sport fishing in the area, and then it would be up to us to educate the people of that particular parish as to what our findings were. I am in accord with the Director; I don't see why a man couldn't have four 500-foot nets, which would be a 2,000-foot net.

If we are going to close it, I would suggest that we close the whole area, just as they propose in their resolution.

MR. SCHAFER: They would accept a 500-foot net. It was in their resolution that they are excluding the 500-foot net.

MR. WINFREE: Well, that would appear to me that they are asking for something and then they don't want it. That's what it appears

to me.

MR. WRIGHT: We are running into the same problem we had, pro and con, trying to decide what's bad for the commercial fisherman and what's bad for the individual sportsman and everything else. I'd say if we are going to do it, let's do it so that we have got time for your study.

MR. WINFREE: I don't want to take a thing in the world away from a commercial fisherman nor a sport fisherman, but if it's good for the whole community for two years, I would think that we would have to close the whole area if we are going to do that.

MR. NORRIS: Would this salt water area that you talked about, would that be closed to trawling?

MR. SCHAFER: No, it would be open for shrimping.

MR. WINFREE: I would make that in the form of a motion, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I understand your





motion, you exclude from his recommendation permitting the 500-foot nets. Is that correct?

MR. WINFREE: That's correct. That's upon the advice of the Director.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

MR. WALKER: You are not recommending closing the area to sport fishing?

MR. HOFFPAUER: No. Commercial fishing.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to that motion?

MR. WRIGHT: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright. Is there any further discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution is here made part of the record.)

WHEREAS, many sportsmen of Terrebonne Parish have asked for



biological assistance as they believe that the heavy commercial fishing in the Parish has interfered with the game fish populations, and

WHEREAS, the Terrebonne Parish Police Jury adopted two resolutions requesting the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to conduct a technical study on fishery data compiled on a specific freshwater area and a saltwater area in the Parish, and

WHEREAS, there has never been a biological survey made by the Commission in these areas,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby instruct Commission personnel to conduct a two (2) year biological survey in the following described freshwater area and saltwater area:

FRESHWATER AREA: North -

Bayou Black; East - Minor's



Canal; South - Marmande Ridge  
and Bayou Mauvais Bois; and  
West - Turtle Bayou, Bayou  
Penchant, and Carrion Crow  
Bayou.

SALTWATER AREA: Isles  
Dernieres (Last Island)  
and Timbalier Island, and  
one-half mile on each side.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that  
the aforementioned areas are hereby  
closed to all commercial fishing for  
the taking of commercial and game fish  
species by all methods using any type  
of nets and seines, but excluding the  
use of trout lines in the freshwater  
area.

THE CHAIRMAN: Next item.

MR. SCHAFER: Mr. Chairman, the next  
item is the acceptance of the Houma field office  
at Bourg, Louisiana. The chief engineer of the  
Department of Public Works has inspected this,



or their field crew has, and informs us that everything was done according to the contract. We had our oyster personnel check this out and Board Member Mr. Clarence Guidry also checked it, and all recommend that we accept it.

MR. WRIGHT: I so move.

MR. NORRIS: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the recommendation. Is there any further discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution  
is here made part of  
the record.)

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer  
of the Department of Public Works,  
State of Louisiana, has certified to  
the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries



Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 6128, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Bennett Lagneaux, d/b/a Bennet Lagneaux Construction Company for the construction of the complete field office building, with shelled driveways, parking area and packaged sewage system in Lafourche Parish and has recommended that the same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Bennett Lagneaux Construction Company, contractor under Contract No. 6128, with the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, dated November 18, 1969, be and is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby



authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the Mortgage Records of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

THE CHAIRMAN: No. 10.

MR. SCHAFER: We have a request from the Plaquemines Parish Council to open the gates at the lower Pointe la Hache fresh water control structure, beginning February 1, 1971. This is to reduce the effects of salt water intrusion and snail predation, thereby benefiting the oyster industry. In the past we have assisted by closing the area temporarily.

The Plaquemines Parish Council has obligated itself to do the following:

They will mark the area with signs.

They will obtain consent from the oyster lessees; and

They will maintain a boat and helicopter patrol to enforce the prohibition of the no oyster fishing until the



area is clear as determined by the  
State Board of Health.

I would recommend that we close this  
area temporarily.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the  
recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. KYLE: So move.

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Kyle,  
seconded by Mr. Wright. Is there any further  
discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so  
ordered. Thank you, Harry.

(Text of the resolution  
is here made part of the  
record.)

WHEREAS, increasing saltwater  
intrusion in oyster producing areas has  
increased predation of oysters by snails

and has reduced the successful setting of seed oysters, and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council has constructed a facility known as the Lower Pointe-a-la-Hache structure for the purpose of introducing freshwater from the Mississippi River into the marshes of this area for the purpose of aiding the oyster fishermen with planning assistance from the Oyster Division, and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council has obligated itself to do the following:

1. To mark the affected area with signs at least 24 inches square, reading "No Oyster Fishing Until Notified. Area West Closed. Boat-Air Patrol, Syphons Running."
2. To obtain consent for





closure of the area  
from the affected oyster  
bottom lessees.

3. To maintain a boat and  
helicopter patrol to  
enforce the prohibition  
of no oyster fishing  
until the area is clear  
as determined by the  
State Board of Health,  
and

WHEREAS, the Commission has  
received a request from the Plaquemines  
Parish Commission Council, dated January  
14, 1971, for the operation of the Lower  
Pointe-a-la-Hache freshwater facility  
beginning February 1, 1971, and

WHEREAS, the State Board of  
Health through Mr. Charles Bishop,  
Engineering Division, has advised Mr.  
Harry E. Schafer, Jr., Acting Chief,  
Oyster Division, of their approval in



accordance with the above guidelines and that they will perform the necessary sampling after cessation of discharge to determine that the area is clear for reopening, approximately fourteen (14) to twenty (20) days later,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission at its regular monthly public meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 1971, does hereby temporarily close the oyster fishing area east of the Mississippi River described as follows: beginning at the intersection of the Mississippi River and the line dividing Lots 7 and 8 of Township 18 South, Range 16 East; thence extending from the said river to the forty arpent line along the dividing line of Lots 7 and 8; thence due north to the north shoreline of Long Bay; thence in a northwesterly



direction along the north shoreline of Long Bay, including all of Long Bay and continuing on a line which divides Long Bay and American Bay from Bay Crabe to southerly edge of Triple Pass; thence continuing along the east and northeast and north side of American Bay and along the north side of Battle Ground Bay to the north side of Big Four Bayou; thence along the north side of Big Four Bayou to the north side of Third Bay to middle of Second Bay (which is  $89^{\circ} 46'$  Longitude West); thence due South to the Mississippi River; thence downriver along the Mississippi River to the point of beginning; also, east of USC & GS Station "Cox;" thence east to Sunrise Point; thence south to Bayou Lamoque, proceeding along Bayou Lamoque to the river, all as shown on plat of Louisiana



Wild Life and Fisheries Commission prepared by its Oyster Division dated April 16, 1970, and copy of which is on file with the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and in the office of the Secretary of the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council -- for the purpose of introducing fresh-water into this oyster growing area until such time as the State Board of Health approves reopening the area for oyster fishing in 1971, such action being contingent upon the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council meeting its responsibilities as included above in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be referred to the Plaquemines Commission Council, the State Board of Health and the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association.



THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Herring.

It is noted that Mr. Herring has only one item on the agenda today.

MR. HERRING: That is kind of unusual, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Today what we have is a lease renewal for Jackson-Bienville Wildlife Management Area, which lies in Jackson, Bienville and part of Lincoln Parishes. This renewal is for a ten-year period. Presently we have eight owners who have agreed to go ahead with the lease renewal for a ten-year period on this area.

Just to kind of give the Commission some idea of the increase -- we will have an increase in size when these leases are renewed -- the dark black line that you see here (indicating on map) indicates the Wildlife Management Area we presently have under lease. You can see the spurs out here where we will get approximately 3,000 more acres added to this area. This has been a very good hunting area for the public in that part of the state.



The lease descriptions are fairly lengthy for these eight people, so rather than reading any of them, I am going to ask that they be entered into the minutes as part of the record here.

Mr. Chairman, with this then, I would recommend to the Commission that we go ahead and accept these lease agreements at this time, effective February 1, 1971.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. KYLE: So move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Kyle. Is there a second?

MR. NORRIS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Norris. Is there any discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

(Land descriptions of  
lease renewals and  
addition, as approved  
by the Commission, above,  
are here made part of  
the record.)

1. Owner, A. R. GARRETT.

BIENVILLE PARISH

R 4W, T 16N - Sec. 20 - SE 1/4

Sec. 21 - W 1/2 and

SE 1/4 of

SW 1/4, W 1/2

of SE 1/4

Sec. 28 - N 1/2 of NE 1/4

NE 1/4 of NW

1/4

JACKSON PARISH

Sec. 22 - W 1/2 of SW 1/4

2. Owner, SIZEMORE ESTATE

JACKSON PARISH

R 3W, T 16N - SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and

W 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 18



3. Owner, MRS. BOBBIE KID WALKER, GIBSLAND  
(NEW LEASE) 1/4 J. H. PUMPHREY 1/4  
J. S. WASHBURN 1/2  
BIENVILLE PARISH  
 R 4 W, T 16 N - SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 7
4. Owner, MRS. LEON CRAWLY  
JACKSON PARISH  
 R 4 W, T 16N - That portion lying south  
 of Highway 155 of W 1/2 of SW 1/4  
 Sec. 27  
 E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 28 Bien-  
 ville Parish.
5. Owner, CONTINENTAL CAN COMPANY  
BIENVILLE PARISH  
 R 4 W, T 16 N: Sec. 5 - E 1/2 SW 1/4  
 Sec. 7 - N 1/2 NE 1/4;  
 SW 1/4 NE 1/4;  
 SE 1/4 NW 1/4:  
 Sec. 8 - E 1/2 SW 1/4  
 R 5 W, T 16 N: Sec. 2 - SE 1/4 SE 1/4;  
 approx. 8 acres  
 in SE 1/4 NE  
 1/4 SE 1/4





JACKSON PARISH

R 3 W, T 16 N: Sec. 16 - S  $1/2$  N  $1/2$   
 NW  $1/4$ ;  
 S  $1/2$  SE  $1/4$   
 Sec. 19 - S  $1/2$  SE  $1/4$   
 Sec. 20 - SW  $1/4$ ; NE  $1/4$ ;  
 portion W of  
 road in S  $1/2$   
 SE  $1/4$   
 Sec. 21 - W  $1/2$  NW  $1/4$   
 R 3 W, T 17 N; Sec. 30 - W  $1/2$  NW  $1/4$ ;  
 SE  $1/4$  NW  $1/4$ ;  
 W  $1/2$  SW  $1/4$ ;  
 NE  $1/4$  SW  $1/4$   
 R 4 W, T 15 N: Sec. 3 - SW  $1/4$ ;  
 W  $1/2$  SE  $1/4$ ;  
 SW  $1/4$  NE  $1/4$   
 Sec. 10 - Portion N of  
 Highway 147  
 and W of Bear  
 Knoll Drive  
 R 4 W, T 16 N: Sec. 10 - NE  $1/4$  SE  $1/4$ ;



N 1/2 SE 1/4

SE 1/4

Sec. 13 - SW 1/4 NE 1/4;

E 1/2 NW 1/4;

SW 1/4 NW 1/4

Sec. 15 - NW 1/4;

N 1/2 SW 1/4

Sec. 34 - NW 1/4 NE 1/4

R 4 W, T 17 N: Sec. 25 - NE 1/4 SE 1/4

Sec. 26 - W 40 acres of

N 1/2 NW 1/4

and N 1/2

S 1/2 NW 1/4

Sec. 34 - NW 1/4 NE 1/4

R 4 W, T 17 N: Sec. 25 - NE 1/4 SE 1/4

Sec. 26 - W 40 acres of

N 1/2 NW 1/4

and N 1/2

S 1/2 NW 1/4

Sec. 34 - NE 1/2 NE 1/4

NE 1/4 (diag-

onal boundary)

Sec. 35 - N 1/2 NW 1/4;



W 1/2 NE 1/4

6. Owner, E. B. McCONATHY

BIENVILLE PARISH

R 4 W, T 16 N - E 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 9

7. Owner, B. F. SMITH ESTATE

JACKSON PARISH

R 4 W, T 17 N - Sec. 26 - N 1/2 NW 1/4

and N 1/2

S 1/2 NW 1/4

less west 40

acres.

8. Owner, DAVIS BROTHERS LUMBER COMPANY

JACKSON PARISH

R 4 W, T 17 N - Sec. 25 - S 1/2 and

NW 1/4 of

SE 1/4

Sec. 26 - S 1/2, S 1/2

of S 1/2 of

NW 1/4, that

portion lying

W of the road

in the S 1/2 of

NE 1/4.



Sec. 27 - All except

N 1/2 and SW

1/4 of NW 1/4

Sec. 34 - All except the

NE 1/2 of NE

1/4 of NE 1/4

Sec. 35 - S 1/2, E 1/2 of

NE 1/4, S 1/2

of NW 1/2

Sec. 36 - All

R 3 W, T 17N - Sec. 31 - That portion

lying S of

Ansley Road and

W of the

Spence Road.

R 3 W, T 16N - Sec. 5 - All of S 1/2

lying S & W of

the road

Sec. 6 - All except N

1/2 and SE 1/4

of NE 1/4

Sec. 7 - All

Sec. 8 - All



Sec. 9 - W  $1/2$  of NW  $1/4$   
and NW  $1/4$  of  
SW  $1/4$

Sec. 16 - SW  $1/4$ , N  $1/2$   
of SE  $1/4$ , SW  
 $1/4$  of NW  $1/4$

Sec. 17 - All

Sec. 18 - All except W  
 $1/2$  of SW  $1/4$   
and SW  $1/4$  of  
NW  $1/4$

Sec. 19 - E  $1/2$  of NE  $1/4$ ,  
NE  $1/4$  and E  
 $1/2$  of NW  $1/4$   
of SE  $1/4$

Sec. 20 - NW  $1/4$

Sec. 21 - E  $1/2$  of NW  
 $1/4$ , that  
portion of  
N  $1/2$  of NE  
 $1/4$  lying W of  
the road.



R 4W T 16 N - Sec. 1 - All

Sec. 2 - All

Sec. 3 - All

Sec. 10 - All except E 1/2  
of SE 1/4

Sec. 11 - All

Sec. 12 - All

Sec. 13 - SE 1/4, N 1/2 of  
SW 1/4, N 1/2  
and SE 1/4 of  
NE 1/4, NW 1/4  
of NW 1/4

Sec. 14 - E 1/2 of NW 1/4,  
N 1/2 and SW 1/4  
of NE 1/4, S 1/2  
and NW 1/4 of  
SE 1/4

Sec. 15 - SE 1/4, S 1/2 of  
SW 1/4

Sec. 22 - All except W 1/2  
of SW 1/4

Sec. 23 - W 1/2, SE 1/4



Sec. 24 - NE 1/4 of SE 1/4,  
W 1/2 and NE 1/4  
of SW 1/4

Sec. 25 - N 1/2 and SW 1/4  
of NW 1/4

Sec. 27 - NE 1/4 of NW 1/4,  
NW 1/4 and N 1/2  
of SW 1/4 and  
N 1/2 of SE 1/4  
of NE 1/4

Sec. 34 - S 1/2, NW 1/4,  
SW 1/4 of NE 1/4

Sec. 35 - S 1/2 of SW 1/4  
lying west of  
Bear Knoll Drive

R 4W, T 15 N - Sec. 3 - NW 1/4, NW 1/4  
of NE 1/4

BIENVILLE PARISH

R 5W, T 17N - Sec. 35 - SE 1/4, S 1/2  
and NW 1/4 of NE  
1/4, N 1/2 of  
NW 1/4



Sec. 36 - All Except NW

1/4 of NE 1/4

and NE 1/4 of

NW 1/4 and W 1/2

of W 1/2 of

NW 1/4 of NW 1/4

R 5W, T 16N - Sec. 1 - E 1/2, N 1/2 and

SE 1/4 of NW 1/4,

NE 1/4 and E 1/2

of SE 1/4 of

SW 1/4

Sec. 2 - All except SE 1/4

of SE 1/4 and

about 8 acres in

the NE 1/4 of

SE 1/4

Sec. 12 - NE 1/4, NE 1/4

and N 1/2 of NW

1/4 of NW 1/4,

NE 1/4 of SE 1/4

R 4W, T 17N - Sec. 19 - S 1/2 and NE 1/4

and E 1/2 of NW

1/4 of SE 1/4,





SE 1/4 and E 1/2  
of SW 1/4 of NE  
1/4

Sec. 20 - All except N 1/2  
of NW 1/4 of  
NW 1/4

Sec. 21 - All

Sec. 28 - All

Sec. 29 - All

Sec. 30 - All

Sec. 31 - All except SW  
1/4 of SE 1/4

Sec. 32 - All

Sec. 33 - All

R 4W, T 16N - Sec. 4 - All

Sec. 5 - All except E 1/2  
of SW 1/4

Sec. 6 - All except NW 1/4  
of NW 1/4, S 1/2  
and S 1/2 of NW  
1/4 of SW 1/4

Sec. 7 - N 1/2 of NW 1/4,  
NW 1/4 of SW 1/4



Sec. 8 - N 1/2, SE 1/4

Sec. 9 - All except E 1/2  
of NW 1/4

Sec. 16 - All

Sec. 17 - SE 1/4 of NE 1/4,  
E 1/2 of SE 1/4

Sec. 20 - NE 1/4 of NE 1/4

Sec. 21 - N 1/2, E 1/2 of  
of SE 1/4, NE 1/4  
of SW 1/4

Sec. 28 - All except N 1/2  
of NE 1/4 and  
NE 1/4 of NW 1/4

Sec. 29 - N 1/2 and SE 1/4  
of NE 1/4, SE 1/4  
of SE 1/4

Sec. 32 - E 1/2 of NE 1/4

Sec. 33 - N 1/2, SE 1/4

R 4W, T 15N - Sec. 4 - S 1/2 and NE 1/4  
of NE 1/4, that  
portion of SE 1/4  
lying north of  
Highway 147



LINCOLN PARISH

R 4W, T 17N - Sec. 16 - S 1/2 of SE 1/4

Sec. 17 - E 1/2 and NW 1/4,

SE 1/4 of NE 1/4

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hoffpauer.

MR. HOFFPAUER: We have to select a date for next month's meeting, keeping in mind Mardi Gras. We can either meet here or wherever you gentlemen would want to meet.

MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, I suggest we meet here since we have this shrimp business coming up, and I would suggest we meet on the 16th. Isn't Tuesday on the 16th?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. The 16th is the Tuesday before Mardi Gras.

MR. WRIGHT: I think we ought to meet here because I wouldn't want to move, because --

MR. HOFFPAUER: There's nobody up here during Mardi Gras.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you make that in the form of a motion, Mr. Wright?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes.



THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

MR. WALKER: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Walker. Is there any further discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Any objection?

(No response)

MR. WINFREE: That is the 16th of February, which is on a Tuesday?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Any further discussion? Any objections? Hearing none, so ordered.

Item No. 13.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Concerning the contract for the fur movie, we got a special appropriation to make the fur movie, which would advertise our fur trade here in the state, to be an informational type, a public relations type, advertising of the fur movie, to be used in schools, sportsmen groups, trade shows and so forth. We went out on bid through the Division of Administration



and I think seven or eight people have bid on it, and it is left up to us to pick within the top three the bid that you would like to select. This movie is something that we could use a special appropriation, isn't that right, Ted, from the budget money, for this.

MR. O'NEIL: That's exactly correct. We went to the appropriations committee after --

MR. HOFFPAUER: After they made the budget.

MR. O'NEIL: -- and they agreed to go along with this.

MR. HOFFPAUER: It is up to you gentlemen what your pleasure is.

MR. WINFREE: What is the recommendation of the Chairman?

THE CHAIRMAN: The recommendation of the Chairman is that we not decide which of the three. The recommendation is that we defer any decision on the matter until the next meeting.

MR. WINFREE: I so move.

MR. WALKER: I second.



THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

Is there any other business to come before the Commission?

Mr. Ensminger.

MR. ENSMINGER: Mr. Chairman, gentlemen of the Commission, one item that has come up at the last minute. In your October meeting you adopted a new set of rules and regulations pertaining to sport fishing use of our Rockefeller Refuge.

Since that time we have had a tremendous number of requests by fishermen out of the Lafayette general area to use our Rollover Bayou for access into the Gulf. We have analyzed this request and cannot see where this would jeopardize the refuge program, and on that basis I would like



to recommend that the Rollover channel be opened to use by sport fishermen and restrict their access only to the canal on the eastern edge of the Refuge and Rollover Bayou for the remainder of the month of February. The entire Refuge will open for sport fishing on the first of March, so this will be about a 30-day extra leniency that we will be giving these fishermen from that area.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hoffpauer.

MR. WRIGHT: That's just going to the Gulf?

MR. ENSMINGER: Yes, this is an access into the edge of the Gulf there for these fishermen.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Allan, you are not talking about opening it on a year-round basis?

MR. ENSMINGER: That is for the remainder of this winter season and then between now and next winter I think the Board should thoroughly review this thing and decide whether they want to open it next winter on a permanent basis or close it.



As you all recall, Joseph Harbor Bayou was opened during the winter. We did not have any appreciable problem with Joseph Harbor. We did have a few people fishing around in the Refuge, but our enforcement people did not have any trouble with them trying to hunt or molest any of the game.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. WRIGHT: So move.

MR. KYLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any further discussion?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Any objection?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution  
is here made part of  
the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild  
Life and Fisheries Commission has





received numerous requests to permit the use of Rollover Bayou as an access route for sport fishing during the month of February, 1971, and

WHEREAS, this would not adversely disturb wintering waterfowl using this area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby proclaim that Rollover Bayou and the East Boundary Canal located on Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge in Vermilion Parish is officially opened for use by fishermen effective February 1, 1971 until October 1, 1971.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further business to come before the meeting?

Mr. Walker.

MR. WALKER: With regard to the controversial dam at Catahoula Lake, I would just like



to make this observation, that at the present time Black River is at the stage of 20.6 feet, the level of the Lake is 30.9. If we don't get any spring rains, we could possibly get into a situation of lead shot poisoning. I took the full responsibility for having the dam installed. I feel that my obligation has been cleared, and I think that the Commission personnel should look into this matter and keep an eye on it, and take any action that is necessary to prevent a lead shot kill.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Let me just say something about that. I have heard a lot of really good comments about the regulation of the water on Catahoula. As I understand, it is one of the best hunting years that they have had in a long time.

MR. WALKER: I think the Commission personnel should follow up with it and if we should get into a situation where the runaround in the levee should be repaired again to keep ahead of the lead shot poison kill, I think that



should proceed. I don't think anybody in this room would disagree with me on that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Yancey.

MR. YANCEY: O.K.

MR. HOFFPAUER: The item that Mr. Yancey and I were just talking about is something the Commission previously talked about and I don't think we included it in the proposed budget which we submitted to the legislature. That pertains to the Rollover structure at Rockefeller.

We have had the same big group of people from the Lafayette area who use Rollover Bayou as an access to the Gulf of Mexico. We have always encountered the problem with the water control structure, which really never was designed as a navigation structure but merely as a water control structure.

There is a big feeling that we do something to provide a means of navigation through Rollover Bayou and I would surely like to suggest that the Commission attempt to seek a special appropriation from the Rockefeller Fund to



construct some type of additional navigation lock or whatever it takes to provide this opportunity.

I think Mr. Ensminger and Mr. Yancey agree with that, and it is their suggestion that we do that. There is a great demand for people in that area using that as a fine access to the Gulf of Mexico. I would surely like to suggest to the Commission that we pursue the matter of obtaining a special appropriation from the Rockefeller Fund to construct such a navigation structure.

MR. KYLE: So move.

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright. Is there any further discussion?

MR. WINFREE: Do you want a motion or a resolution?

THE CHAIRMAN: A resolution, yes.

MR. WINFREE: I would think that would be better.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any objection?



(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, so ordered.

Any other business?

MR. FLOYD: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, I am here by coincidence, I'll tell you. I came for other business and let this meeting slip my mind, but I couldn't miss it after being here. I do want to ask Mr. Walker one question concerning, as he said, the controversial dam down in Catahoula Lake.

THE CHAIRMAN: For the record, first please identify yourself.

MR. FLOYD: Yes, sir, excuse me. Chester Floyd, an employee of the Commission, Jena, Louisiana.

Mr. Walker, you correct me if I am wrong. Did you not have an agreement, a verbal agreement, with some of the people who were in opposition to this dam, members of the legislature, fishermen, hunters and so forth, to remove this dam, oh, I'll say, immediately after



the duck season opened? I mean closed, Mr. Walker. Excuse me.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me just interject something here before we get into this any further. I understand, Mr. Floyd, you are an employee of the Commission. I don't want ever to be in the position of telling anybody that they don't have the right to come to this Commission and talk to the Commission. I feel if you have a matter pertaining to the action of the Commission on that dam and you want to put it on the agenda where we can take a look at it, I will be more than glad to schedule you to appear before the Commission, but I am going to have to deny you the right to sit and interrogate Mr. Walker.

MR. FLOYD: I agree with you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry that I phrased it in that manner, Mr. Walker. Just let me comment on it a minute.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am not even going to let you do that, and the Commission can overrule me if they want to. We have never permitted that.



If you have some problem and you want to be on the agenda, pertaining to something that hasn't just come up as these shrimp people's problem had -- it just came up. This is something that apparently we knew about and if somebody in LaSalle Parish has got a complaint, there's a way to go about it and discuss it in a fair way. I am going to rule you out of order. I'm sorry.

MR. FLOYD: That's fine, Mr. Jones.

THE CHAIRMAN: And I consider you and I are good friends, but I am not going to permit it. I'm sorry.

MR. FLOYD: Why, sure, we are, and we are going to stay that way. I should have done this personally and I will after the meeting, Mr. Walker.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would suggest that you all get together and discuss it.

MR. FLOYD: That's fine. That's the best way to do it, anyway. And there was something else I would like to mention, Mr. Chairman, and if you feel that I am out of order -- that I



wanted to talk to Mr. Walker about prior to ever bringing it before a meeting, but since I think it would be non-controversial, Mr. Walker, I would like to have your attention, please, sir. I think actually he would be the only man on the Commission that would have --

THE CHAIRMAN: Why don't you talk to him about it after the meeting?

MR. FLOYD: All right, I'll do that, and let him submit it to you. Thank you, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Is there any other business to come before the Commission?

Mr. Hoffpauer.

MR. HOFFPAUER: After this meeting I want to see Richard Yancey, Allan Ensminger, Ted Joanen and Robert Mhire in Richard's office, and then at three o'clock I want a chiefs' meeting, chiefs and assistant chiefs.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any other business?

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Do I hear a motion we adjourn?





MR. WRIGHT: So move.

MR. KYLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: The meeting is adjourned.

. . . Thereupon, at 11:45  
o'clock a.m. on Tuesday,  
January 26, 1971, the  
monthly meeting of the  
Wild Life and Fisheries  
Commission was adjourned.



C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Alice Truxillo, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcription of the stenographic (Stenotype) notes and of the tape recording of the proceedings herein, made by me and transcribed under my supervision, at the time and place hereinbefore noted, being proceedings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, J. G. Jones presiding.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 10th day of February, 1971.

Alice M. Truxillo

